

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING**

December 12, 2014

Gambling Control Board Conference Room
Department of Public Safety
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME
Starting Time 9:00 AM

Call the Meeting to Order: Barbara Dresser, Chair

Approve the Minutes for August 14, 2014; August 27, 2014; September 29, 2014; October 29, 2014; and, November 13, 2014.

Adjudicatory Hearings:

- 1. RE: Charlene Cushing, Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0018.** Ms. Cushing is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rule Chapter 11 Section 8. Ms. Cushing is trainer of record of "Freetime". A blood sample obtained from Freetime following the Third (3rd) Race on June 29, 2014 at Scarborough Downs had an excessive level of Flunixin.
- 2. RE: Steven Vafiades, Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0017.** Mr. Vafiades is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 11 Section 8. Mr. Vafiades is trainer of record of "Puzzlement". A blood sample obtained from Puzzlement following the Eighth (8th) Race on July 25, 2014 at Scarborough Downs had an excessive level of Flunixin.
- 3. RE: Donna Sprague, Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0015.** Ms. Sprague is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rule Chapter 11 Section 1. Ms. Sprague is the trainer of record of "Shank You". A blood sample obtained from Shank You following the Ninth (9th) Race at Scarborough Downs on June 21, 2014 disclosed the presence of Caffeine, a Class II Drug.
- 4. RE: Donna Sprague, Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0016.** Ms. Sprague is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rule Chapter 11 Section 1. Ms. Sprague is the trainer of record of "Shank You". A blood sample obtained from Shank You following the First (1st) Race at Scarborough Downs on June 27, 2014 disclosed the presence of Caffeine, a Class II Drug.
- 5. RE: Philip "Bo" Sowers, Jr., Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0020.** Mr. Sowers is appealing the decision of Presiding Judge, Shane Bacon. Mr. Sowers is appealing the decision of an alleged violation MSHRC Rules Chapter 7 Section 46.1 and 46.3-C, Duties of a Trainer, prior to the First (1st) Race at Bangor Raceway on October 7, 2014.
- 6. RE: Dana W. Childs, Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0022.** Mr. Childs is appealing the decision of Presiding Judge, Shane Bacon. Mr. Childs is appealing the decision to place his horse, "Dansan Flicka", from First (1st) to Fourth (4th) following the Fifth (5th) Race at Bangor Raceway on October 17, 2014 for an alleged interference.
- 7. RE:** Pursuant to MHRC Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the request to re-open the Assignment of Race Dates for calendar year 2015 for the following applicants: Northern Maine Fair Association, Fair Meet and HC Bangor LLC; Commercial Meet.

8. **RE:** Pursuant to MHRC Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the request from Northern Maine Fair to change its race dates to coincide with their request to change their fair dates. The requested dates are: July 31 and August 3-7, 2015, inclusive. HC Bangor LLC is requesting to add four make-up dates in the event any of the awarded dates are cancelled. The requested make-up dates are: August 10 and 11; September 8; and November 17, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

1. Take action on the Written Decision and Order for the Licensing of the Off-track Betting Facilities.
2. Take action on the Written Decision and Order for the Licensing of Live Pari Mutuel Race Meets, Awarding of Race Dates, and Authorization of Full Card Simulcasting.

Reports:

1. Report of Executive Director Henry W. Jackson.

New Business:

1. Establish the Sire Stakes Schedule for 2015.
2. Discuss the issue of using 5 M.R.S. Section 1001, 5B and 6 and MSHRC Rule Chapter 11 Section 1.11, immediate suspension for a violation of Chapter 11.

Other Business:

Public Comment:

Date of Next Meeting: January 8, 2015

Adjourn: